

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., notice is hereby given to the public that an Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board of Supervisors met regarding mental health treatment on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Board Room A, Sophie Beaumont Building, 111 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Guy Zima, Vice Chair Erik Hoyer, Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt, Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, St. Johns Homeless Shelter Case Worker Lisa Bero, JOSHUA Member Cheryl Weber, Behavioral Health Manager Ian Agar, Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert, Sheriff John Gossage, District Attorney David Lasee, Green Bay Police Officer Allen, Dave Dunlop
Excused: Security Lieutenant Scott Brisbane

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Erik Hoyer at 12:05 pm.

II. Approve/modify agenda.

Motion made by Erik Pritzl, seconded by David Lasee to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of May 17, 2017.

Motion made by Cheryl Weber, seconded by Erik Pritzl to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Communication from Chair Zima and Judge Zuidmulder re: Have staff provide a breakdown and explanation of the expenditures made from the \$1.15 million dollars allocated for mental health services during the County budget process for 2016 and 2017.

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl provided the Committee with a handout, a copy of which is attached, which summarizes the expenditures related to the Mental Health Initiative in 2016 and the first part of 2017.

With regard to mobile crisis, 158 in person contacts were made in May and this is going well, but Pritzl would like to see these numbers increase even more. Efforts are continuing to get people to admit for services voluntarily. He noted there is a top 40 list of chronic individuals in the area and the message they are trying to get across to the different groups that work with this population is that there are services available for those who want them.

Zima asked about the status of the outreach efforts that were discussed at the last meeting. Pritzl informed the request has been submitted to NEWWEYE and he will keep this group advised. Zima stressed the importance of having some sort of public service announcements so people who want services know that they are available and where and how to get them. Zima asked about a hotline number that people can call and Behavioral Health Manager Ian Agar said he will discuss this with the intake workers. Hoyer noted that there are various numbers people who want help might call such as 911, 211, an intake worker or Bellin and he feels that that is probably somewhat confusing for someone who wants and needs help.

JOSHUA member Cheryl Weber introduced St. Johns Homeless Shelter Case Worker Lisa Bero to the group. Bero said St. Johns works with the homeless as well as those at risk of homelessness. The shelter also operates the Micah Center and anyone is welcome there. They do their best to educate the population of people they serve regarding available services.

Zima feels that providing detox services is the bare minimum and this group is supposed to be trying to figure out ways to cut down the number of people finding their way into the jail system. He feels we need to come up with ways to fit everyone's needs and he noted that some people need more services than others. He would like to see some type of residential facility with a number of small efficiency-type apartments where people can live where they have contact with others facing the same struggles and he would also like to see some offices for things like case workers. He feels that now is the time to address this and figure out what we need so that when the County is ready to look at the new jail pod, this can be addressed at the same time. He feels there is currently about a six

month window to get a proposal together to present to the County Executive and the County Board. He wants to see jail and mental health treated together as a package deal and he does not want feet dragging or anything else.

2. Update re: Long range mental health needs in Brown County including what could be funded by County Executive Streckenbach's proposed half-percent sales tax.

Pritzl said a lot of information was submitted on this at the last meeting including cost estimates. There would need to be capital investment to establish something for long term care as well as a one stop shop model. Cost estimates on this have been shared with the County Executive.

Sheriff John Gossage noted that he has talked to the County Executive regarding how to go forward with the \$20 million dollars that his earmarked for jail/mental health. He noted that he would like to wait for the PONI study to be completed before determining what the best option would be, although he did estimate that somewhere around \$13 million dollars would be needed to address the needs at the jail which would leave somewhere in the area of \$6-7 million dollars for work on the mental health aspect.

Pritzl would like time to see what would work in the \$6 – 7 million dollar range. He wants to be sure we do not get in a situation where we implement something, but then do not have the budget to operate it appropriately.

It was indicated that a group from UWGB is currently doing some research on what the best model would be. Pritzl noted that treatment is available, but what is lacking is the supportive housing aspect. Zima said he would like to see a residential component like he spoke of earlier with a number of small apartments in one building. He asked about the licensing for something like this and Pritzl indicated that licensing might be a problem in terms of the number of people all in one place. There also could be concerns regarding where such a facility would be located. Zima would like to see something near the jail and CTC rather than in a residential neighborhood. Hoyer felt that that may not be a good location in terms of people trying to get to and from work but Zima pointed out that there is a bus line near the jail.

Zima emphasized we have to get things going and if we run into problems then we have to work through them. Hoyer said if there was an unlimited pot of money, everyone could get behind a one stop shop model for crisis which would free up law enforcement time and allow the County to have more control over the services. However, since the pot of money is limited Hoyer feels we need to look at what the actual needs are, especially with regard to housing. He said at this time the County has the capacity to help people for 25 – 30 days, but there is nothing after that. We need to figure out what the best fit of services and housing would be and that is something the group at UWGB is working on. Zima said Nicolet is close to being full with a daily census of 13 and a max of 16, but noted that this facility is for short-term stays. Although Nicolet serves the needs for a certain percent of the population, there are people who need longer term treatment and he feels the best way to handle that would be in an apartment building of small units like he spoke of earlier where people could live to continue their recovery in an environment they feel safe in and are not out causing conflicts in the community.

Pritzl said information has been presented regarding the County sending people to Trempealeau and there have been some discussions about providing similar programming here to alleviate having to send people across the state. There is clearly a gap locally for the type of services that Trempealeau provides. He noted that there are some CBRFs in the area that the County uses that handle some of these people, but he does not know what the capacity is. Zima asked if someone is working on identifying the capacity and the needs. Pritzl said that the group at UWGB is looking at that now. Zima indicated he would like a report back on this as soon as possible so it can be examined before the budget process begins. He noted that the County Executive is welcome to come to any of these meetings to get up to speed. Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt was in attendance and could relay information to the Executive, but Zima would also like to see Director of Administration Chad Weininger at these meetings as he feels he has a great educational background and has an ability to get things done and most of the Board appreciates his talent. Flynt noted that he would pass this information along to both the Executive and the Director of Administration.

Pritzl said he was hopeful to have some information available towards the end of August from UWGB. Hoyer said he is struck by the diversity of the needs and the number of potential solutions for the population. This is definitely not a one size fits all population and he does not feel we should get our hopes up that a large building with a number of beds is going to be the answer based upon the realities of the population.

Zima asked if anyone had any issues they wished to discuss at this time. Sheriff Gossage mentioned that after the National Institute of Corrections came to the jail he began looking for an option for 2018 to increase the mental health coverage at the jail to fill the identified gap. He informed that beginning July 1 there will be two nurses to help ensure that anyone who needs mental health services does slip through the cracks. A budget adjustment will be done to cover the costs for the increased care for the remainder of 2017 and Gossage will then include the two nurses in the 2018 budget.

Weber reported there will be a demonstration of the Trilogy program tomorrow at Bellin's Executive Offices. Trilogy is being initiated in the Fox Valley and is a website to help those struggling with mental illness, similar to 211. She feels that this is going to be an awesome resource and something Brown County may want to look into as well as the website provides everything from learning about something, to screening, to actually finding and getting connected directly to services.

Dave Dunlop said this entire mental health system is complicated and noted that there is a lot of money at stake in looking at the jail and mental health as one package. He questioned if there have been studies done as to the number of people that circulate between the mental health system and the jail system, specifically, how many people that are not in a situation where they are supervised and provided with treatment that end up in the jail. This would be important information to know as the talks continue on increasing the jail pods. Gossage responded that the jail liaison is doing a good job in working with people on their re-entry into the community following a jail stay, but there is not really a tracking mechanism after release, but he noted that the number of people the jail liaison works with that have returned to jail is quite small.

3. **Discussion, review and possible action: Request that Brown County review its past and present mental health services and develop a more comprehensive plan to treat both short and long term mental health patients including but not limited to 1) alcohol and drug abuse detox and treatment; and 2) children, adolescent and adult mental health treatment.**

Discussion on this item was incorporated at various areas throughout the meeting.

4. **Discussion, review and possible action: Request that the Human Services Director and Brown County Sheriff work together to develop a plan to provide a treatment plan for prisoners who presently make up a third of our jail population.**

Discussion on this item was incorporated at various areas throughout the meeting.

5. **Discussion re: Recertifying County operations to return to previous services providing long-term care.**

Discussion on this item was incorporated at various areas throughout the meeting.

6. **Update re: Outreach efforts.**

Although not discussed at this point in the meeting, there was some discussion regarding outreach efforts in Item 1 above.

7. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

The next meeting date was discussed and July 19, 2017 at 12:00 pm was selected.

8. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Erik Hoyer, seconded by Dave Lasee to adjourn at 1:05 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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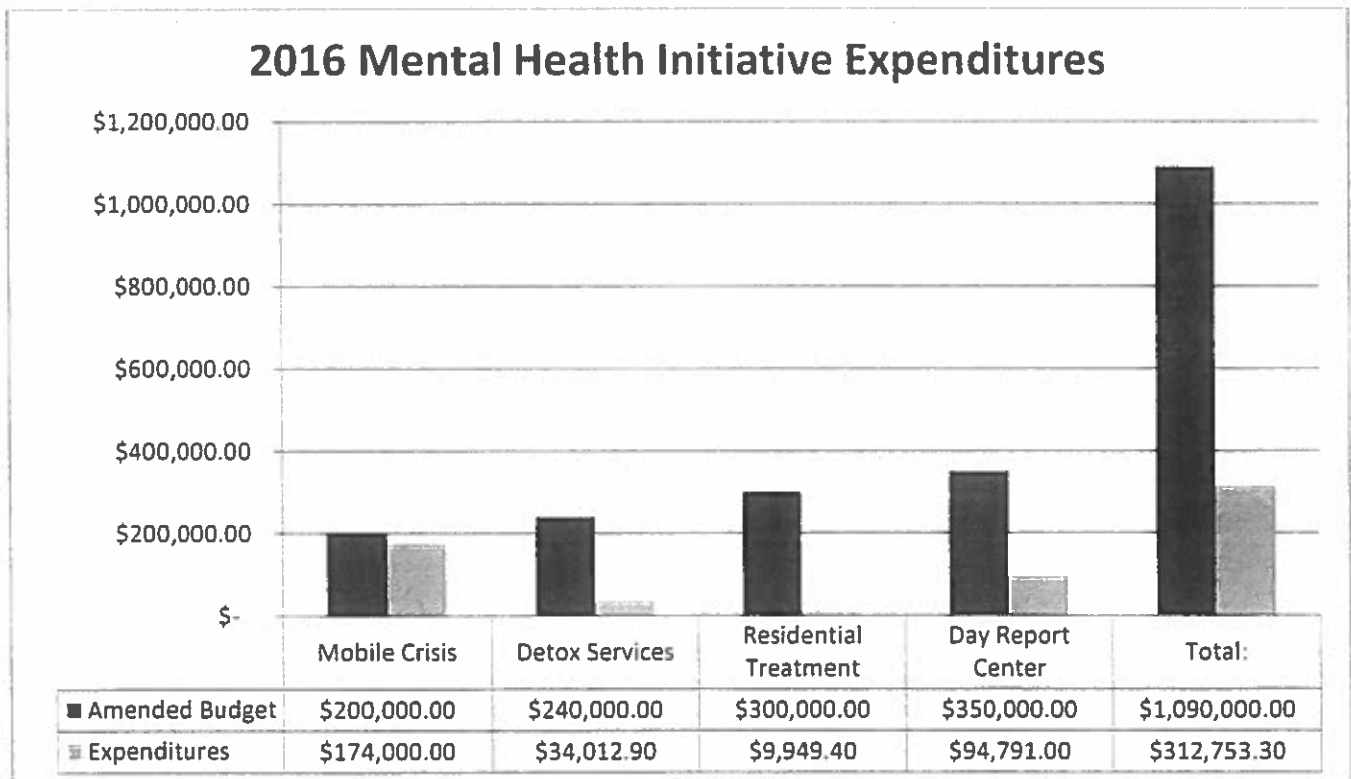
From: Erik Pritzl, Executive Director

Date: June 21, 2017

Re: Mental Health Initiative Expenditures 2016-2017

The following updated summary of expenditures related to the Mental Health Initiatives in 2016 and the first five months of 2017 is submitted in response to a request from members of the ad-hoc Mental Health Treatment Committee.

The chart below represents the 2016 expenditures on the various initiative components. The total available budget for the initiatives was \$1,090,000.



The second chart below represents the 2017 expenditures for January-May. The total available budget for the initiatives is \$1,225,000.

